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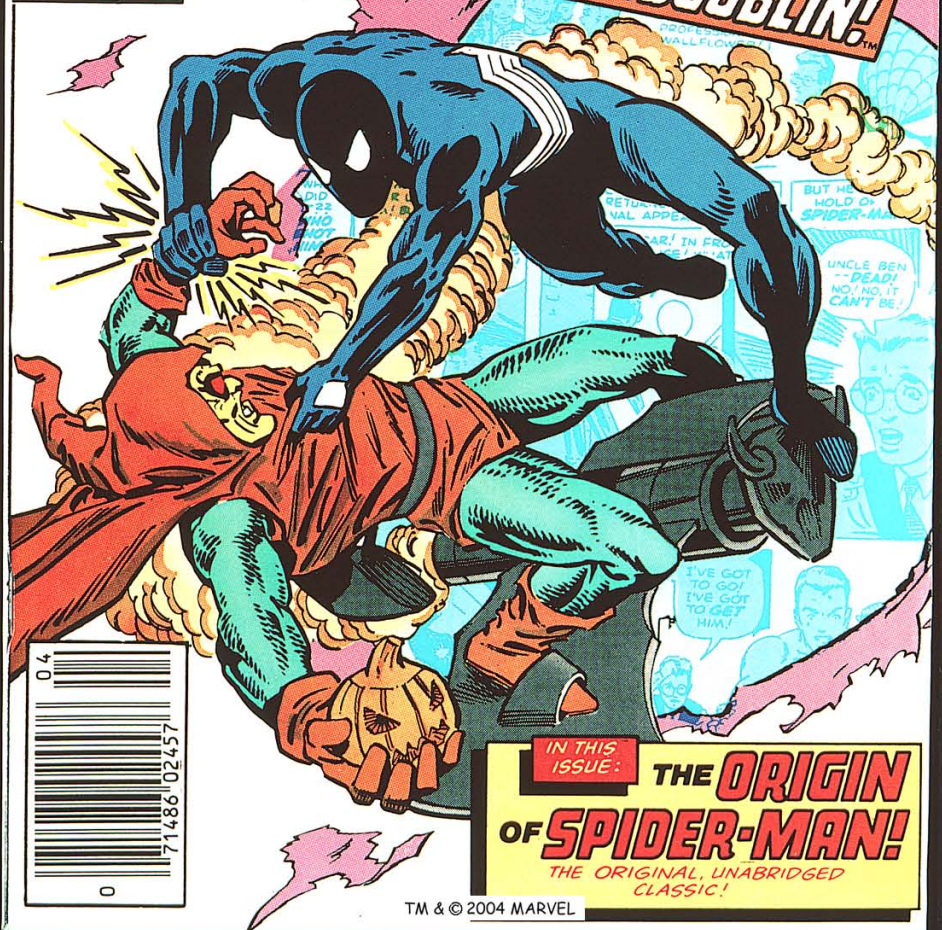
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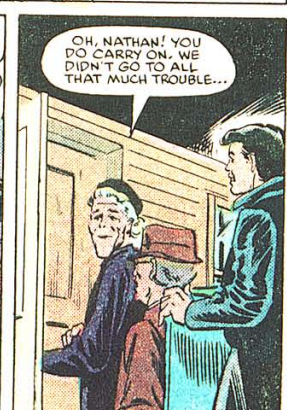
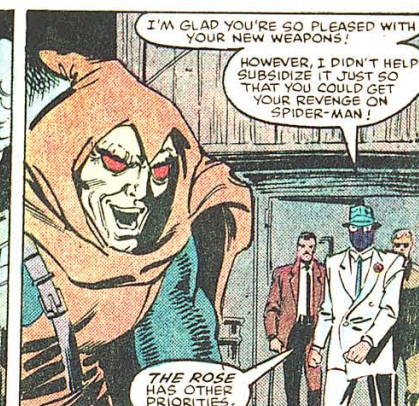
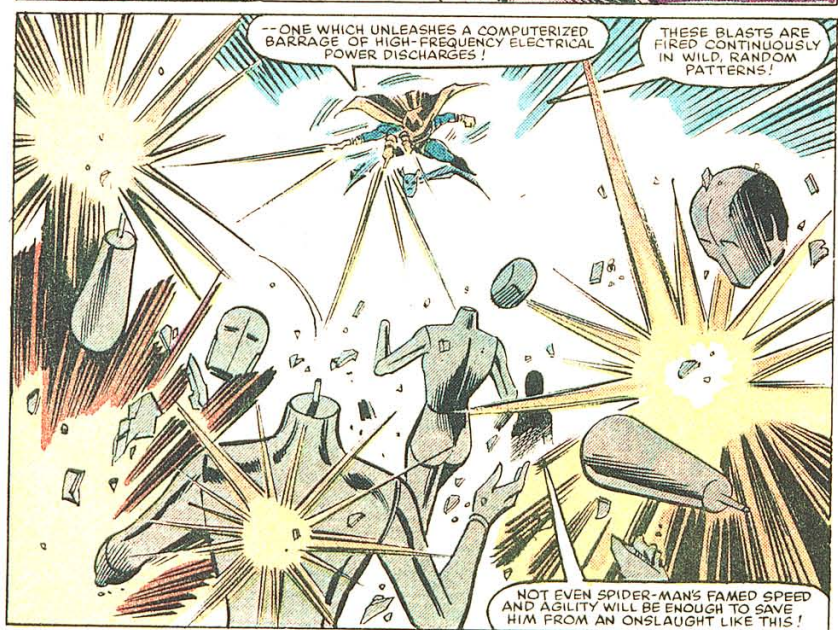


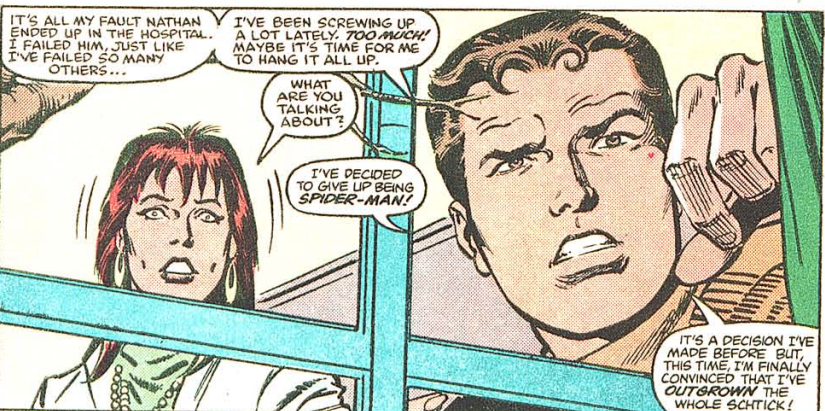
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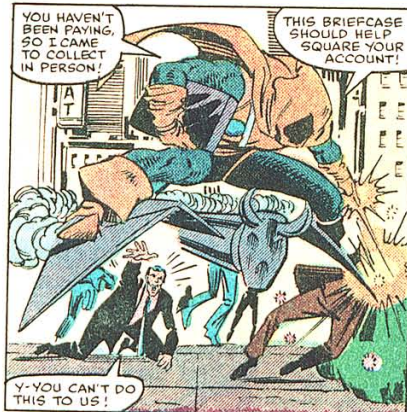
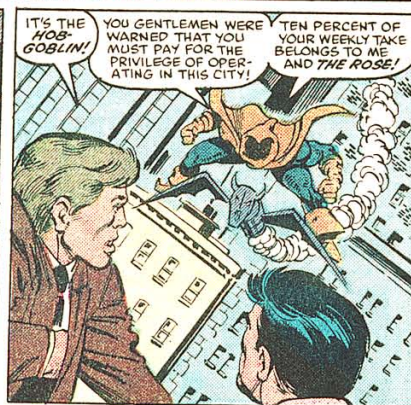
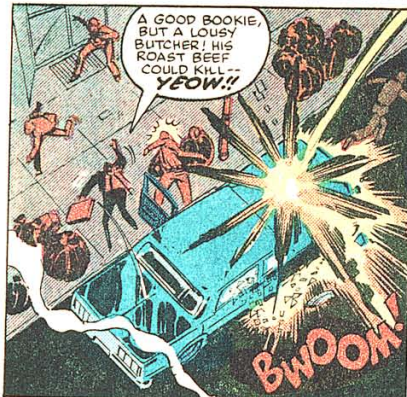
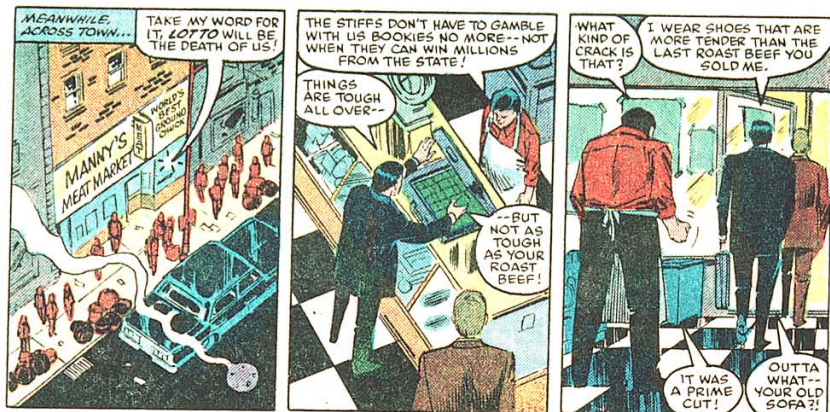


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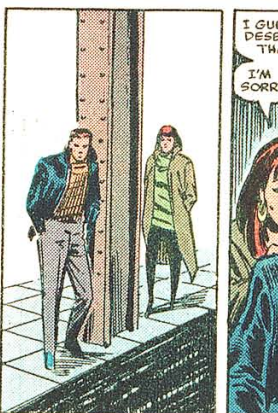
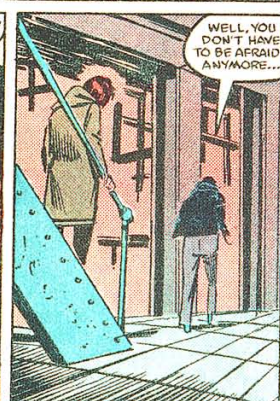
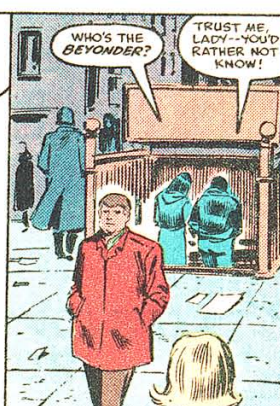
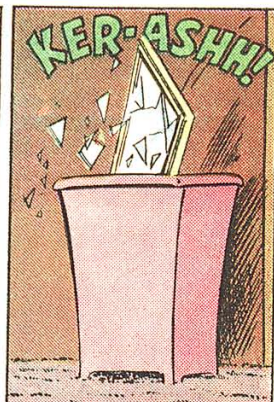
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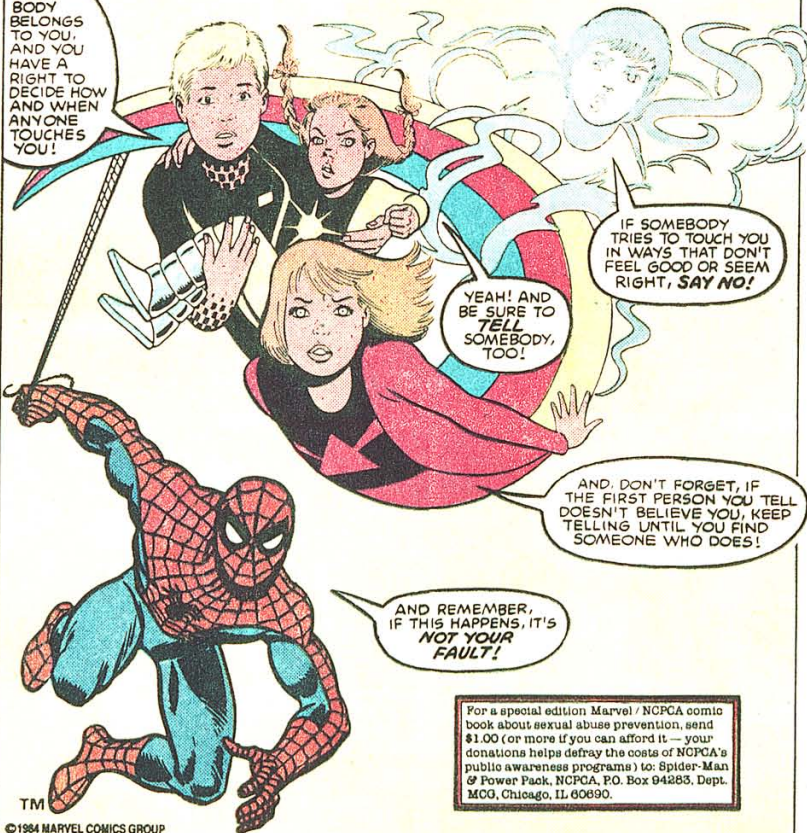
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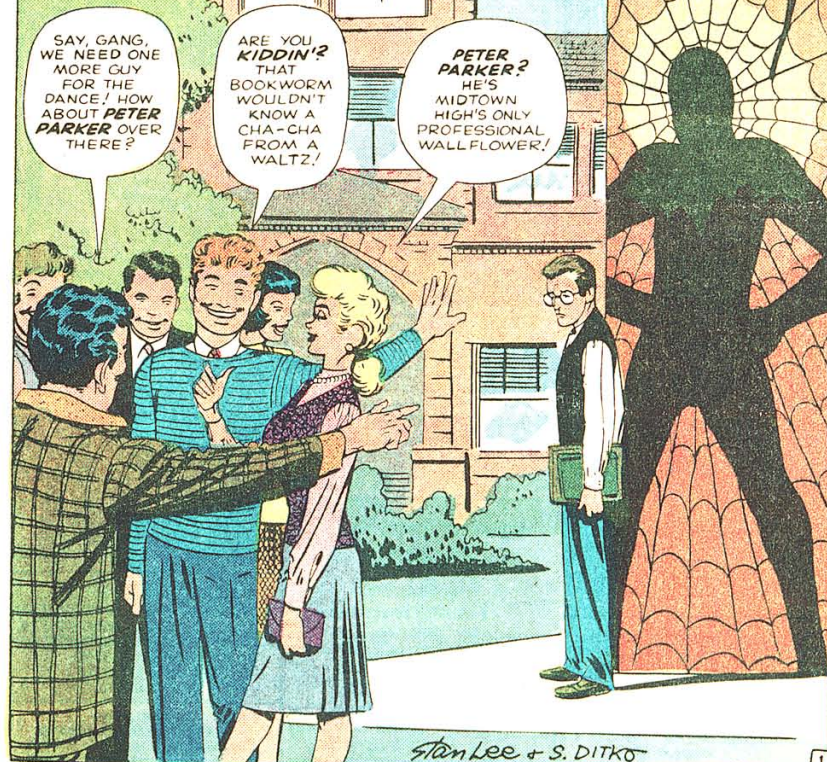
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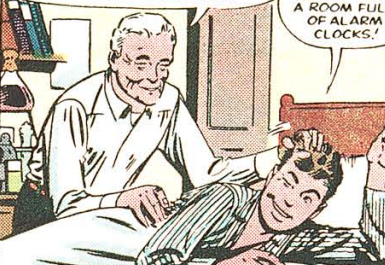
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YOU'RE NOT FOOLIN' ME, PETEY. I KNOW YOU'RE AWAKE - AND IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL!

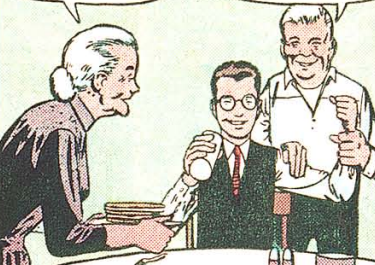
GOSH, UNCLE BEN - YOU'RE WORSE THAN A ROOM FULL OF ALARM CLOCKS!



AS FOR PETE'S AUNT MAY, SHE THOUGHT THE SUN ROSE AND SET UPON HER NEPHEW!

I COOKED YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST, PETEY - WHEATCAKES!

DON'T FATTEN HIM UP TOO MUCH, DEAR! I CAN HARDLY OUT-WESTLE HIM NOW!



THE FACULTY AT MIDTOWN HIGH WAS ALSO FOND OF THE CLEAN-CUT, HARD-WORKING HONOR STUDENT!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, PARKER, AND YOU'RE SURE TO RATE A SCHOLARSHIP WHEN YOU GRADUATE!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!



BUT ALAS, OTHER TEENAGERS CAN SOMETIMES, UNWITTINGLY, BE SO VERY CRUEL TO A SHY YOUNG MAN...

SALLY, I, EH, WAS WONDERING IF YOU'RE BUSY TONIGHT...?

PETER, FOR THE UMpteenth TIME YOU'RE JUST NOT MY TYPE...



...NOT WHEN DREAM BOATS LIKE FLASH THOMPSON ARE AROUND!

I ADMIRE YOUR GOOD TASTE, DOLL! I GET LOST, BOOKWORM!



LOOK, THERE'S A GREAT NEW EXHIBIT AT THE SCIENCE HALL TONIGHT! WOULD ANY OF YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME?

SCIENCE HALL! HAH!

YOU STICK TO SCIENCE, SON! WE'LL TAKE THE CHICKS.



YES, FOR SOME, BEING A TEEN-AGER HAS MANY HEART-BREAKING MOMENTS!

GIVE OUR REGARDS TO THE ATOM-SMASHERS, PETER!

SEE YOU AROUND, BOOKWORM!



SOME DAY I'LL SHOW THEM! - SORRY - SOME DAY THEY'LL BE SORRY! - SORRY THAT THEY LAUGHED AT ME!

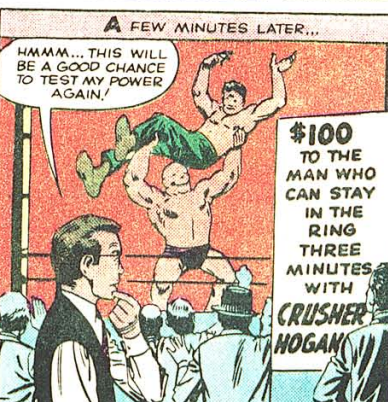
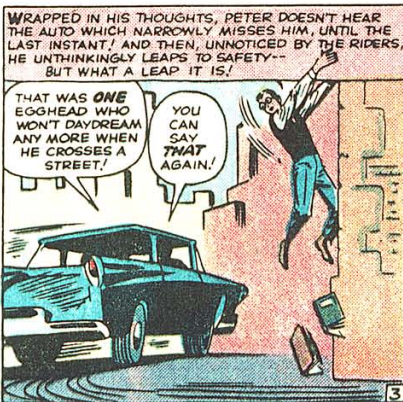
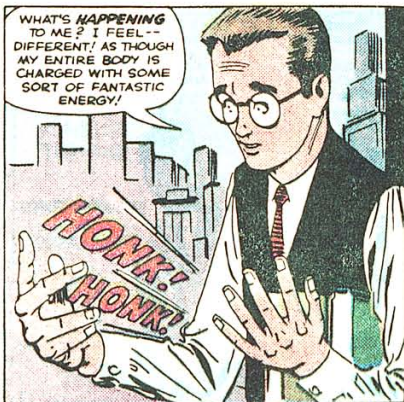
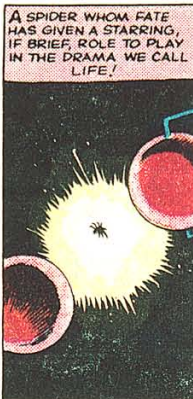
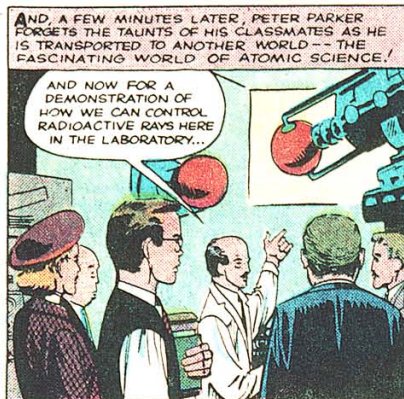
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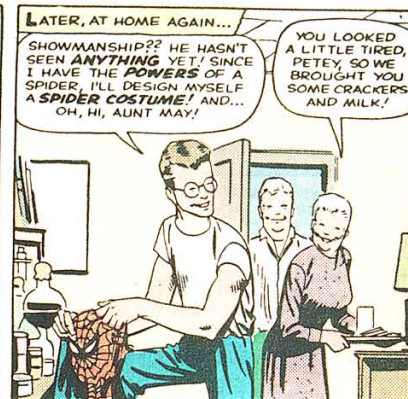
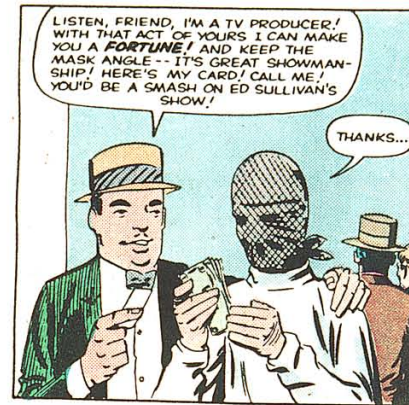
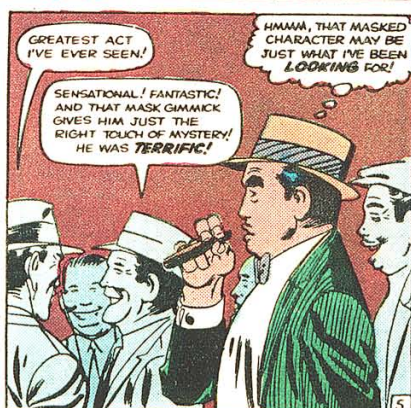
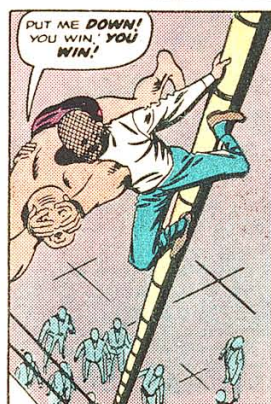
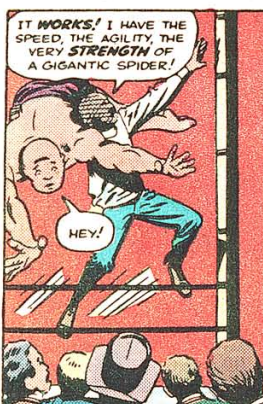
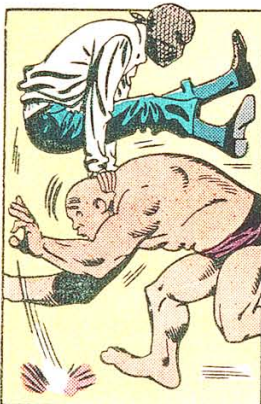
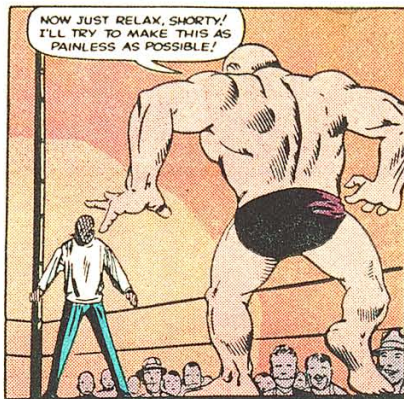
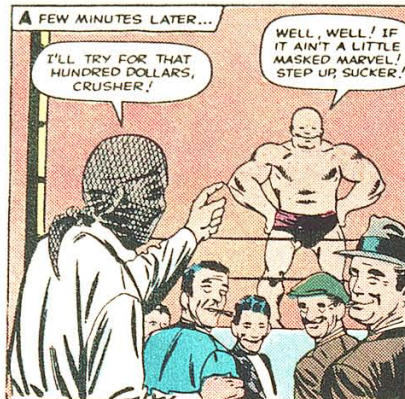
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I'M SEEN' IT WITH MY OWN EYES, AND I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT!

SURE THEY LOOK AMAZED, INCREDULOUS, AWESTRICKEN WOULDN'T YOU???

AFTER ALL, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW A MAN WITH HIS OWN FANTASTIC SPIDER WEB???

OKAY, SPIDER-MAN -- CUT! THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T SHOW 'EM TOO MUCH! LEAVE 'EM BEGGIN' FOR MORE!

AS HIS FIRST TV SPECTACULAR ENDS, PETER PARKER BREATHES THE FIRST SWEET SCENT OF FAME AND SUCCESS! I'M FROM LIFE! WE'LL PAY ANY PRICE FOR A PICTURE SPREAD! ME! I'LL PUT YOU IN THE MOVIES! SIGN WITH ME! I'LL PUT YOU IN THE MOVIES! WAIT! WE WANT AN INTERVIEW! SEE MY AGENT, BOYS! I'M BUSY!

WHEW! RID OF 'EM AT LAST! HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON??

STOP! THIEF! STOP HIM! IF HE MAKES IT TO THE ELEVATOR, HE'LL GET AWAY!

MADE IT!

I'M SAFE NOW! THAT COP CAN NEVER GET DOWN TO THE LOBBY AS FAST AS I CAN IN THIS HIGH-SPEED EXPRESS ELEVATOR! LUCKY THAT GOON IN A COSTUME DIDN'T STOP ME!

WHAT'S WITH YOU, MISTER?? ALL YOU HADDA DO WAS TRIP HIM, OR HOLD HIM JUST FOR A MINUTE!

SORRY, PAL! THAT'S YOUR JOB! I'M THRU BEING PUSHED AROUND -- BY ANYONE! FROM NOW ON I JUST LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE -- THAT MEANS -- ME!

I OUGHTTA RUN YOU IN--

SAVE YOUR BREATH, BUDDY! I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!

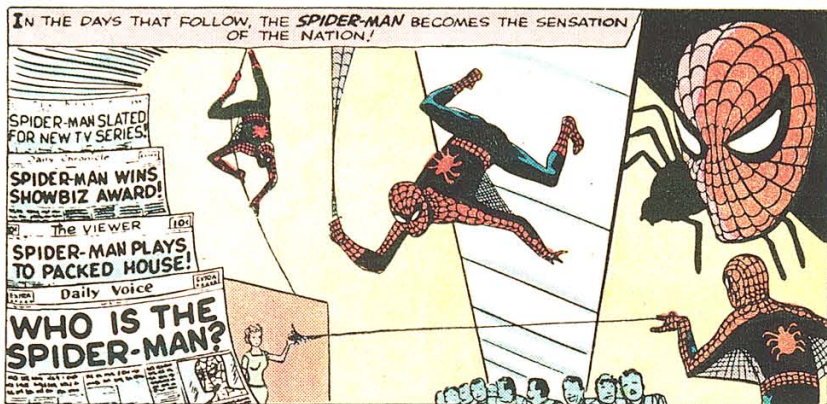
AND, A FEW HOURS LATER...

PETER, YOU KNOW THAT MICROSCOPE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED? YOUR UNCLE AND I BOUGHT IT FOR YOU THIS AFTERNOON!

GOSH, THAT'S TERRIFIC!

YOU'RE THE GREATEST FAMILY ANY FELLA EVER HAD!

THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO'VE EVER BEEN KIND TO ME! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE ALWAYS HAPPY, BUT THE REST OF THE WORLD CAN GO HANG FOR ALL I CARE!



AND, ONE EVENING AS PETER PARKER RETURNS HOME FROM A PERSONAL APPEARANCE...





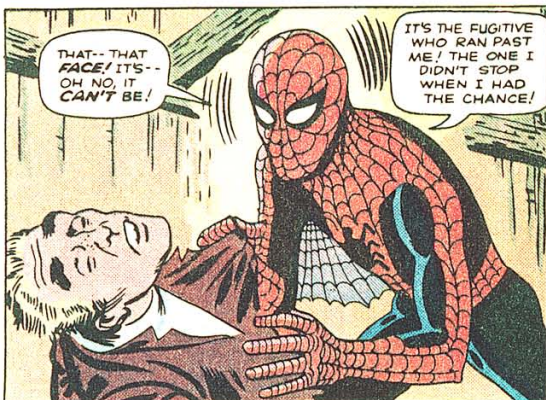
THERE'S NO PLACE ON EARTH WHERE YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME!



FIRST, MY WEB WILL RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR GUN!



AND THEN MY FISTS WILL DO THE REST!



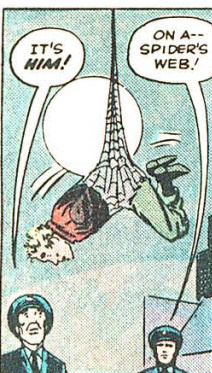
THAT-- THAT FACE! IT'S-- OH NO, IT CAN'T BE!

IT'S THE FUGITIVE WHO RAN PAST ME! THE ONE I DIDN'T STOP WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!



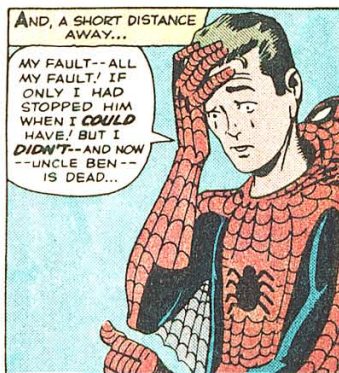
I HATE TO DO IT, BUT WE'LL HAVE TO RUSH HIM NOW! CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE OF HIM SLIPPING BY IN THE DARK!

CAPTAIN-- LOOK!!



IT'S HIM!

ON A-- SPIDER'S WEB!



AND, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

MY FAULT-- ALL MY FAULT! IF ONLY I HAD STOPPED HIM WHEN I COULD HAVE! BUT I DIDN'T-- AND NOW --UNCLE BEN-- IS DEAD...



AND A LEAN, SILENT FIGURE SLOWLY FADES INTO THE GATHERING DARKNESS, AWARE AT LAST THAT IN THIS WORLD, WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME -- GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!

AND SO A LEGEND IS BORN AND A NEW NAME IS ADDED TO THE ROSTER OF THOSE WHO MAKE THE WORLD OF FANTASY THE MOST EXCITING REALM OF ALL!

By the way, true believer, all of the captivating coloring was done by our own ever-lovable Andy Yanchus!



NEW YORK CITY'S CENTRAL PARK...

I DON'T GET IT. IF YOU ORIGINALLY BECAME SPIDER-MAN OUT OF A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY-- WHY QUIT NOW?

MAYBE I FINALLY REALIZED I'M WASTING MY LIFE TRYING TO LIVE UP TO THAT RESPONSIBILITY.



OR, MAYBE I'M JUST TIRED OF TRYING TO BE THE WORLD'S KEEPER.

I WAS NEVER MUCH GOOD AT IT ANYWAY. I WAS ALWAYS SCREWING UP.

TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED BECAUSE OF ME AND MY OVERBLOWN SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.



"I'M THE REASON GWEN STACY DIED."

"WANT A RECENT EXAMPLE? MY AUNT MAY KNEW NATHAN LUBENSKY WAS IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE. SHE BEGGED ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM."

"BUT, SPIDER-MAN HAD OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES..."

"THEN, THERE'S JEAN DEWOLF, A NEW YORK CITY POLICE CAPTAIN, MURDERED BY A LAW AND ORDER FANATIC WHO THOUGHT SHE WAS TOO SOFT ON CRIMINALS..."

"IT WAS WHILE I WAS CHASING JEAN'S KILLER THAT MY WORST POSSIBLE NIGHTMARE BECAME A REALITY."

"THE SIN-EATER TRIED TO BLOW ME AWAY. I INSTINCTIVELY LEAPED TO SAFETY--"



"THE ORIGINAL GREEN GOBLIN HAD DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY. HE WANTED TO STRIKE BACK AT ME, TO HURT ME! HE SETTLED FOR GWEN..."

"SHE NEVER EVEN KNEW THAT HER BOYFRIEND WAS SPIDER-MAN."

"--AND COULDN'T BE THERE TO STOP A GANG OF THUGS FROM ALMOST BEATING HIM TO DEATH!"

"BUT, I CAN'T QUITE SHAKE THE FEELING THAT HER WELL-KNOWN ASSOCIATION WITH ME WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT POINTED HER OUT TO HIM."

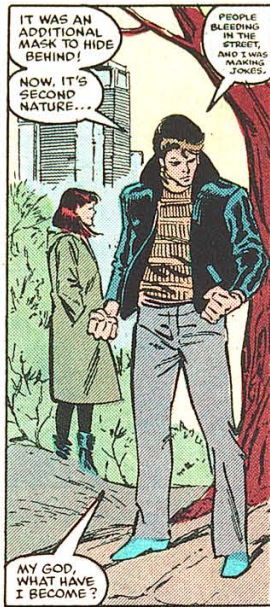
"--BUT, THAT DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM PULLING THE TRIGGER, AND FIRING INTO THE CROWD!"



INTO THE CROWD!
THOSE POOR PEOPLE! ONE MAN DIED--THE REST WERE SEVERELY WOUNDED!
ALL BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK FAST ENOUGH TO SAVE THEM!
PETER, YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR THAT!
CAN'T I? WELL, YOU DON'T KNOW THE WORST PART...



BEFORE I EVEN REALIZED IT, I FELL INTO MY OLD, FAMILIAR PATTERNS--AND STARTED MAKING WITH THE SNAPPY PATTEN!
CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? I WAS TRADING PUNS WITH A LUNATIC LIKE SIN-EATER!
WHEN I FIRST BECAME SPIDER-MAN, I USED PATTEN TO COVER UP MY UNEASINESS! MY FEAR!



IT WAS AN ADDITIONAL MASK TO HIDE BEHIND!
NOW, IT'S SECOND NATURE...
PEOPLE BLEEDING IN THE STREET, AND I WAS MAKING JOKES.
MY GOD, WHAT HAVE I BECOME?



OH, PETER, I WISH I COULD EASE YOUR PAIN. I CAN'T!
IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'VE ALWAYS HATED THE FACT THAT YOU WERE SPIDER-MAN! ALWAYS FEARED THE DANGER YOU PUT YOURSELF IN!
AND YET, I SECRETLY ADMIRER YOU TOO.



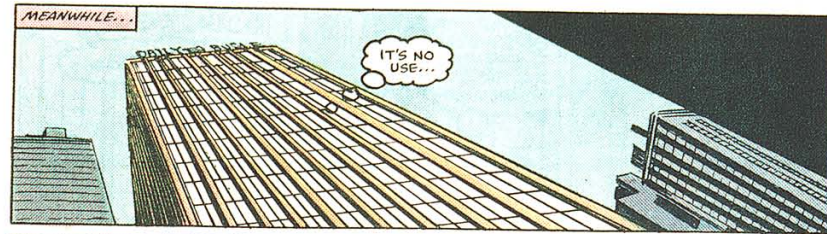
I'M THE ONE WHO ALWAYS RAN FROM RESPONSIBILITY--FROM COMMITMENT!
I WANTED TO BE MORE LIKE YOU...
...BUT, NOW, YOU'RE ACTING LIKE ME!



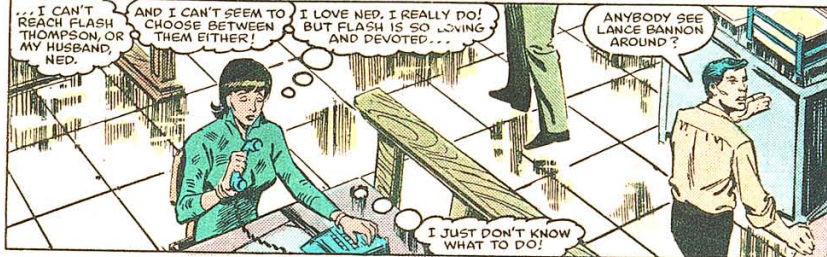
CAN YOU REALLY QUIT BEING SPIDER-MAN?
WHAT WILL THAT COST YOU...



...AND US?!



MEANWHILE...
IT'S NO USE...



...I CAN'T REACH FLASH THOMPSON, OR MY HUSBAND, NED.
AND I CAN'T SEEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM EITHER!
I LOVE NED, I REALLY DO! BUT FLASH IS SO LOVING AND DEVOTED...
ANYBODY SEE LANCE BANNON AROUND?
I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!



BETTY, HAVE YOU FINISHED TYPING THAT LETTER TO...
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK A LITTLE SHAKY.
I... I'M FINE, ROBBIE, REALLY!
WHY DON'T YOU STEP INTO MY OFFICE FOR A FEW MINUTES? I'D LIKE TO CHAT...



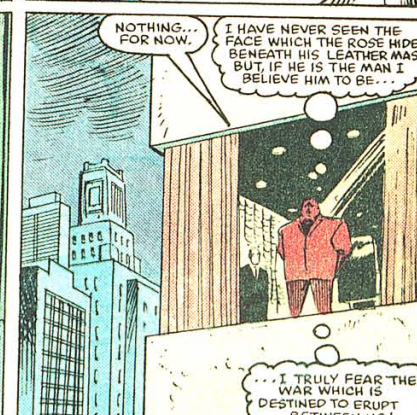
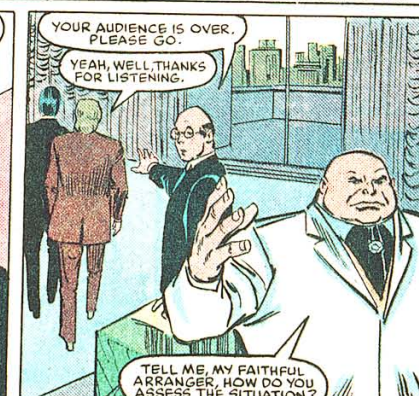
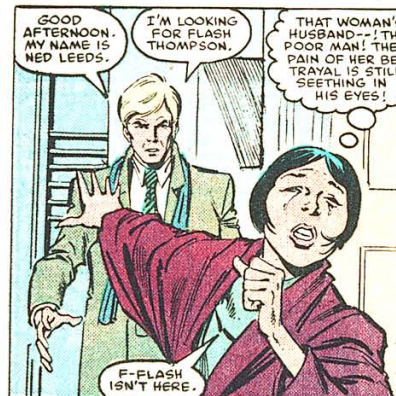
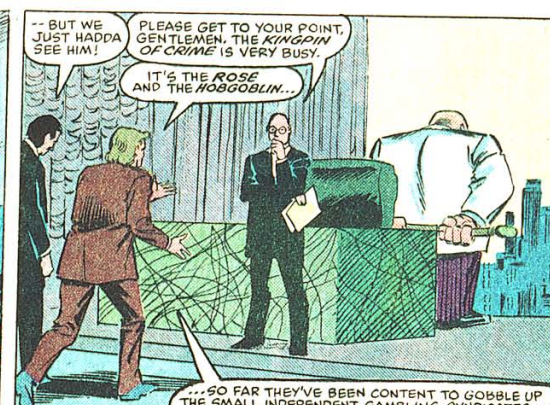
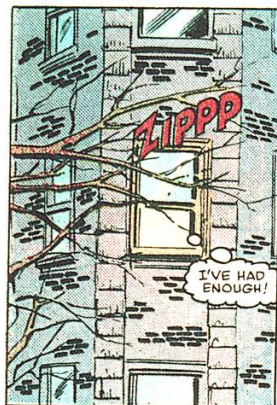
LOOK, I DON'T MAKE IT A HABIT OF BUTTING INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES, BUT YOU AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A LONG WHILE...
I KNOW YOU AND NED ARE HAVING YOUR PROBLEMS NOW. IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?
OH, ROBBIE, I FEEL LIKE SUCH A FOOL...

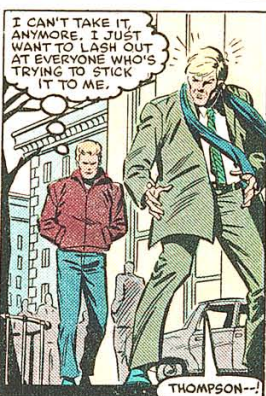
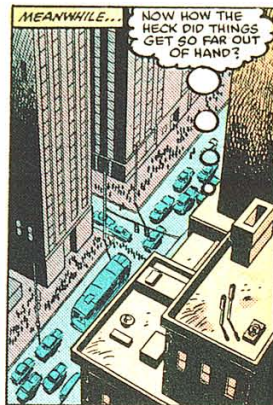


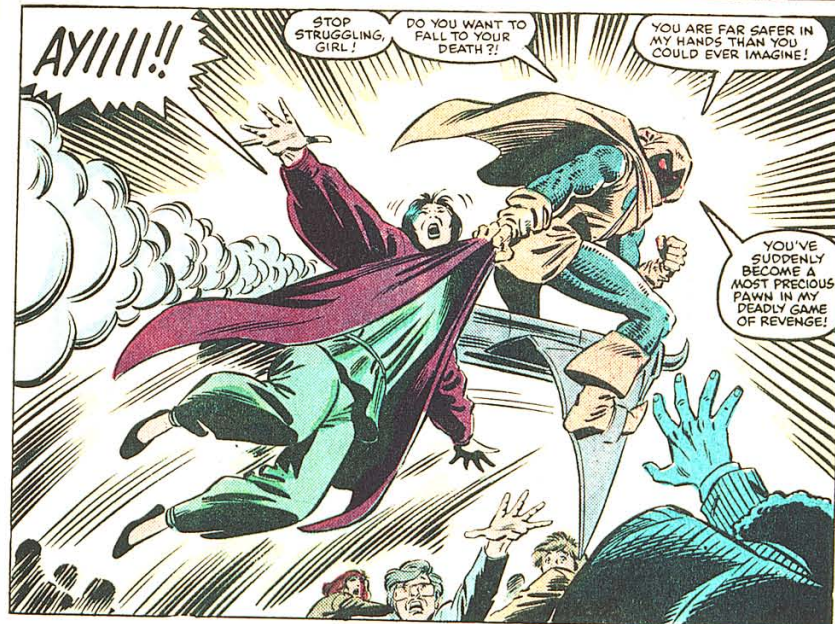
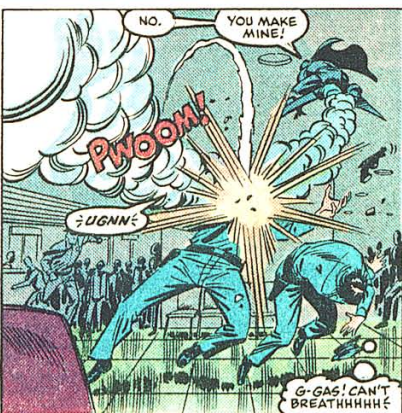
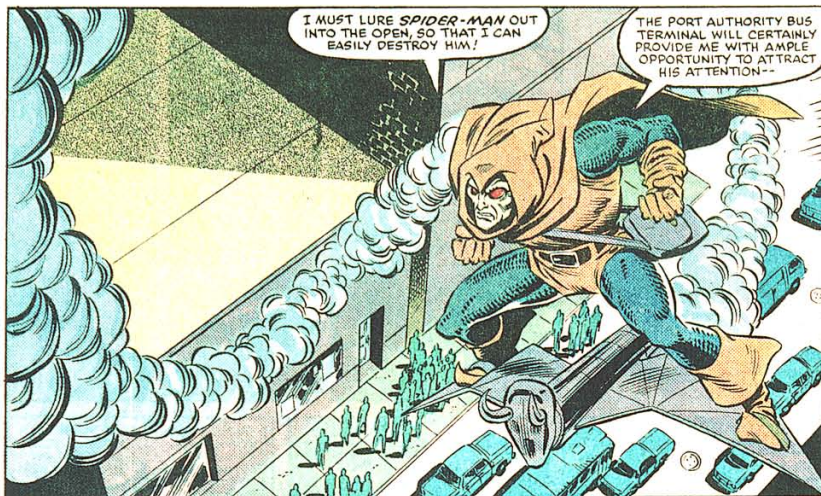
--DRAGGING MY PERSONAL PROBLEMS INTO THE OFFICE LIKE THIS!
IT'S JUST THAT NED TAKES HIS JOB AS A REPORTER VERY SERIOUSLY. HE WORKS SO HARD--TOO HARD--THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY TIME LEFT FOR ME!
AND, I JUST CAN'T DEAL WITH THAT ANYMORE.



THERE IS ONE THING YOU COULD DO, THOUGH. STOP GIVING HIM THOSE UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS WHICH TAKE HIM AWAY FOR DAYS OR WEEKS ON END.
UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS? WHAT UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENTS?!









ELSEWHERE... I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!



YOU KIDDING?! YOU'VE ALWAYS HATED THE IDEA OF ME BEING SPIDER-MAN! WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART?

I... DON'T KNOW.

IT'S JUST THAT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE BEING FAIR... TO YOURSELF... OR ANYONE ELSE!



YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF GOOD AS THE WEB-SWINGER. SAVED A LOT OF LIVES! SURELY, YOU CAN SEE THAT!

NOBODY ELSE CARES!

WHY SHOULD I?



BECAUSE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

YOU HAVE SOME PRETTY AMAZING POWERS, PETER. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO USE THEM.

YOU OWE IT TO THE WORLD TO USE THEM PROPERLY!



SAVE THE SPEECHES, LADY! I'VE ALREADY DONE MY SHARE.

FROM HERE ON IN, I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE THROUGH THE BOOB TUBE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

...AFTER TEARING UP THE POST-AUTHORITY BIG TERMINAL...



...THE MYSTERIOUS CRIMINAL KNOWN AS THE HOBGOBLIN APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN AS HOSTAGE!

A NEWS UP-DATE WILL FOLLOW THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSORS...

WHAT THE--?!



PETER, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

WHY ME?! THIS CITY IS FULL OF COSTUMED JERKS--LIKE THE AVENGERS AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

I... CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO TURN YOUR BACK ON THAT POOR WOMAN!



WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU, PETER?!

WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY NOW?!

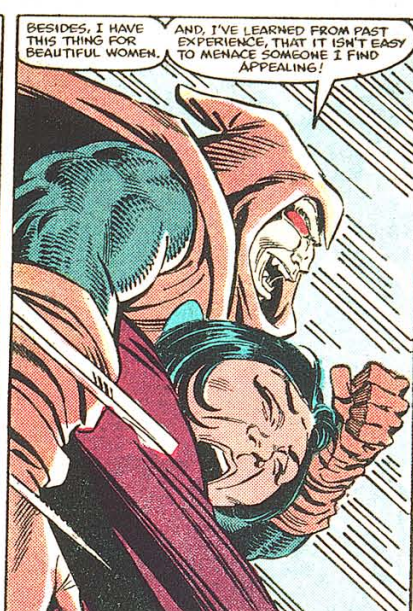


AND, SOON... W-WHY ME?

ALL THOSE PEOPLE, AND YOU CHOSE ME! WHY?!

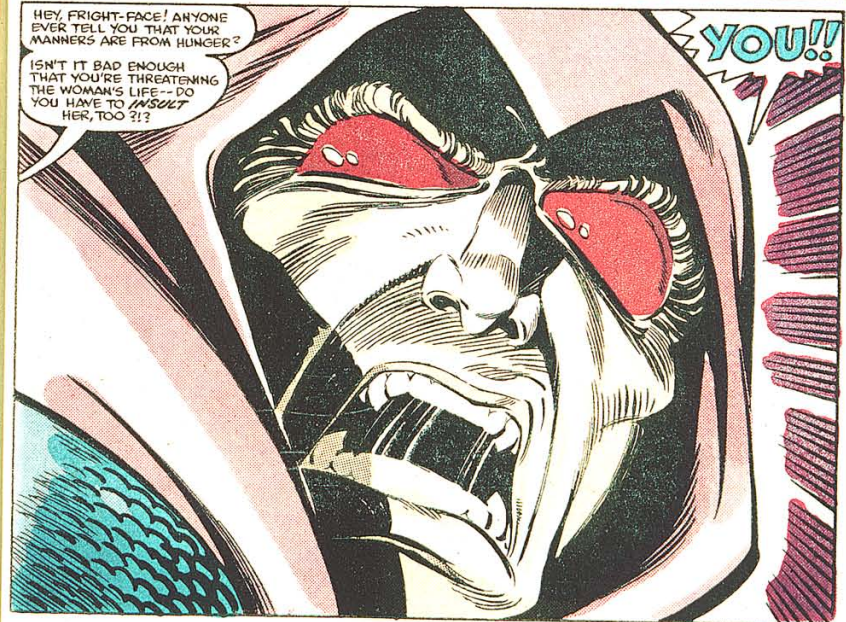
BECAUSE YOU ARE RATHER PLAIN, MY DEAR, UNATTRACTIVE AND, OBVIOUSLY, NOT TOO INTELLIGENT!

I FIGURED VERY FEW PEOPLE WOULD CARE IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DISPOSE OF YOU.



BESIDES, I HAVE THIS THING FOR BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.

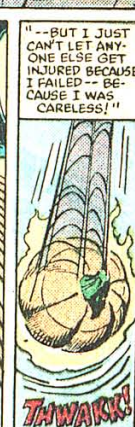
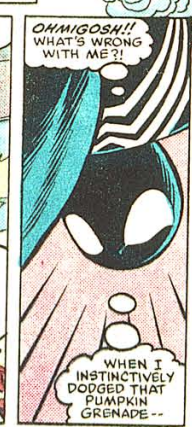
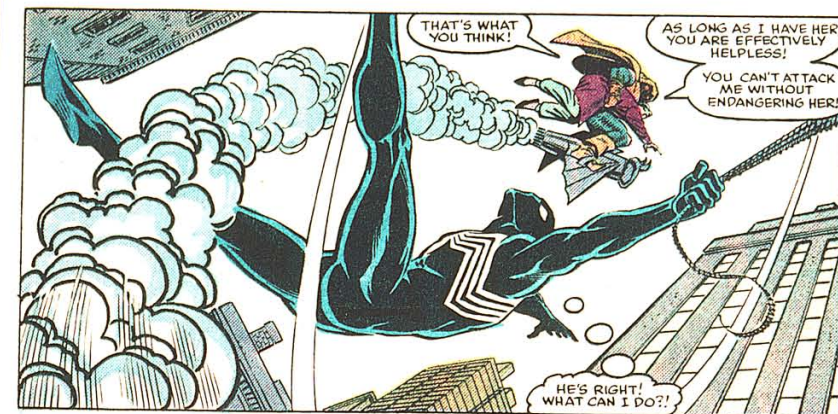
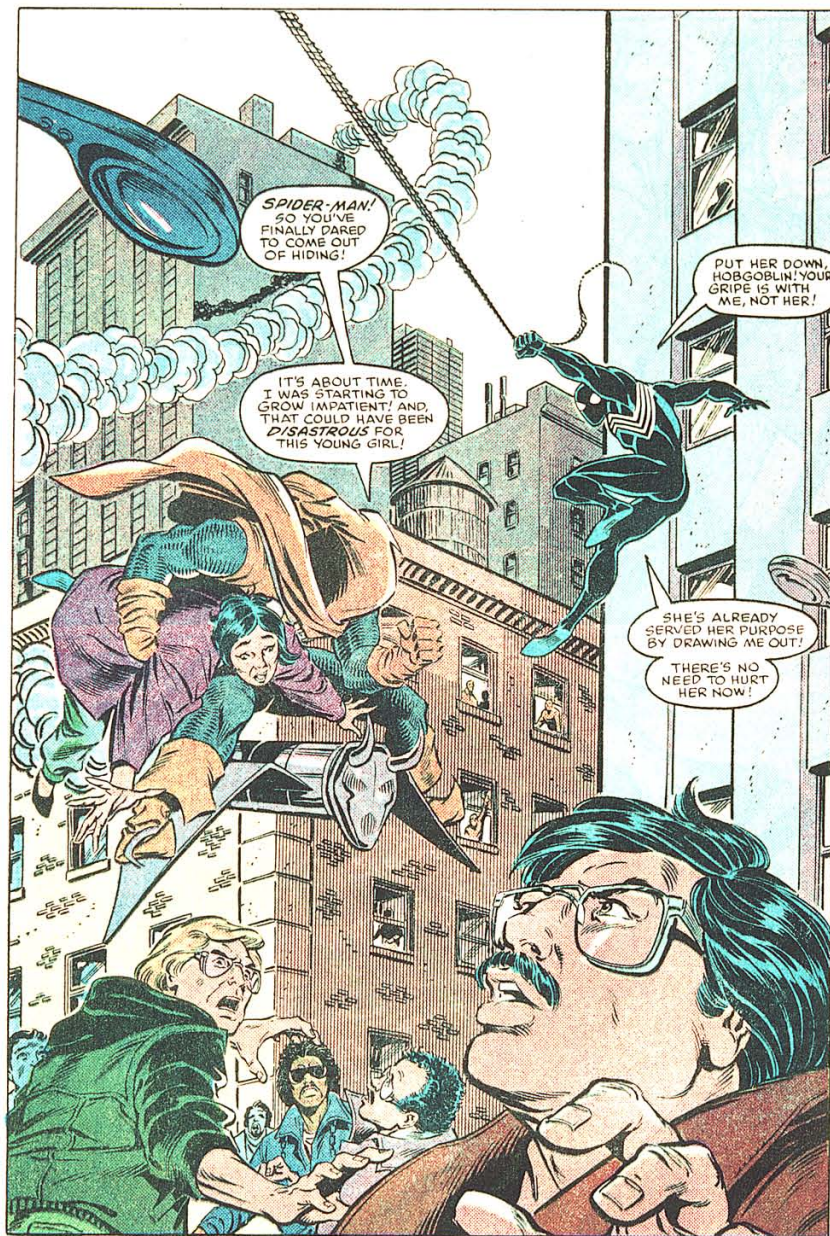
AND, I'VE LEARNED FROM PAST EXPERIENCE, THAT IT ISN'T EASY TO MENACE SOMEONE I FIND APPEALING!

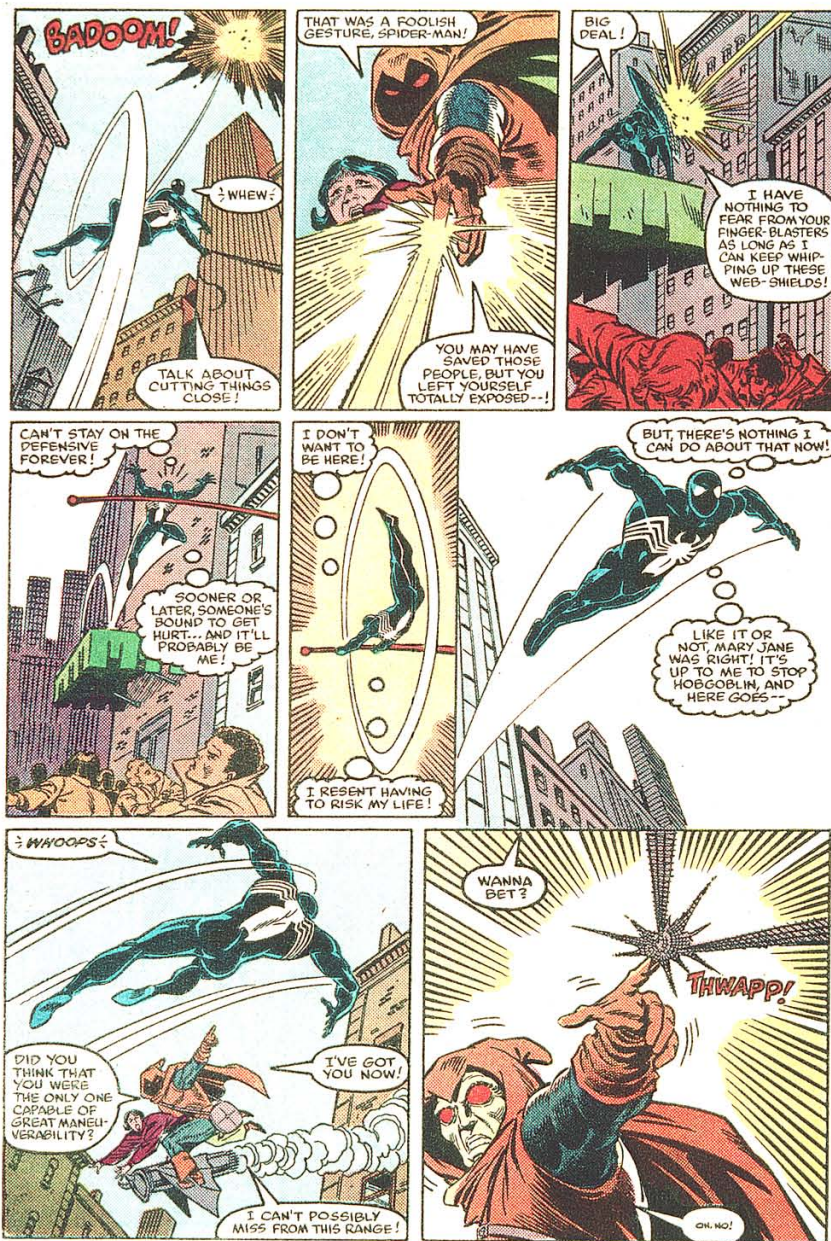


HEY, FRIGHT-FACE! ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT YOUR MANNERS ARE FROM HUNGER?

ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE THREATENING THE WOMAN'S LIFE--DO YOU HAVE TO INSULT HER, TOO ?!?

YOU!!





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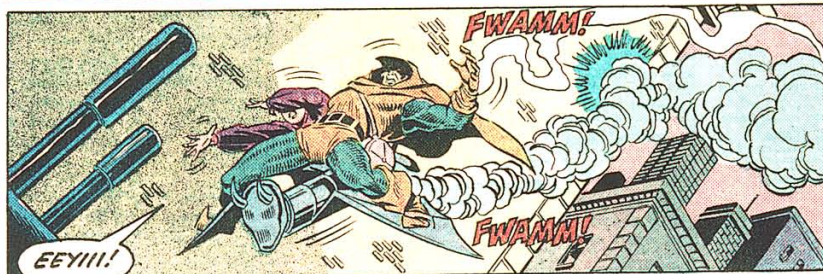
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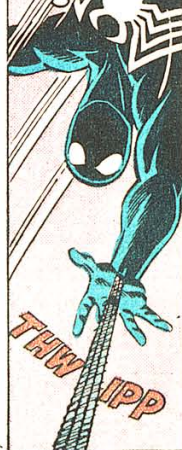
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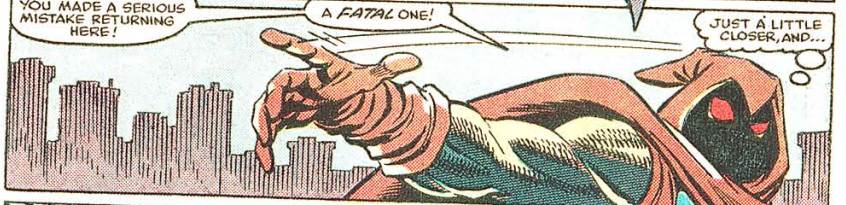
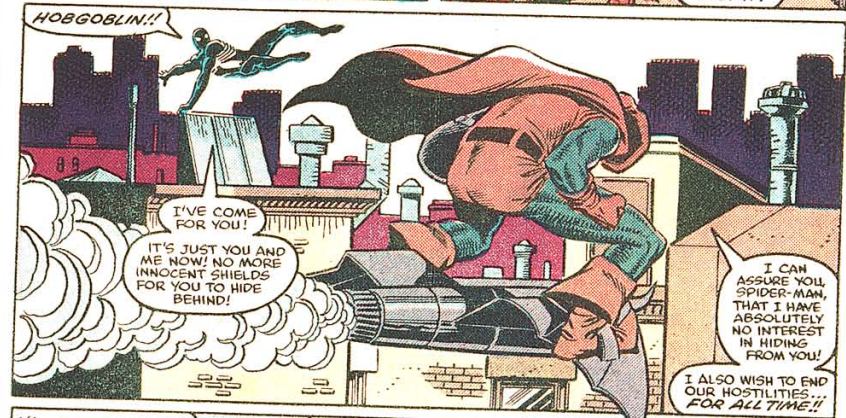
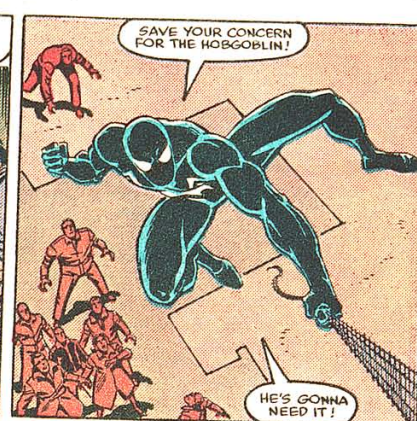
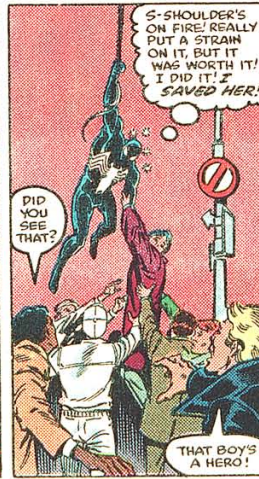
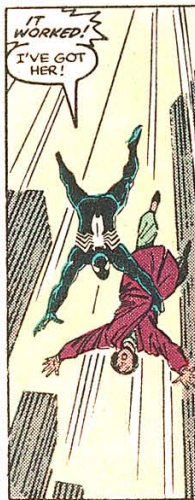
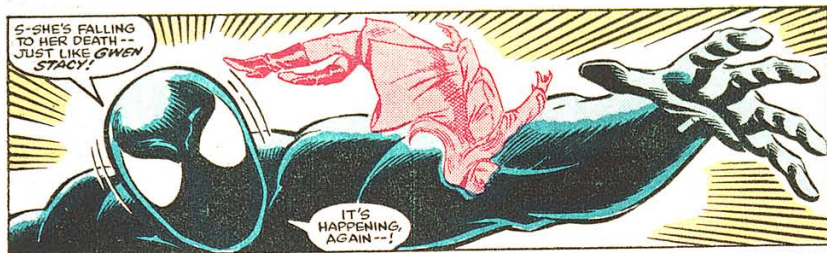
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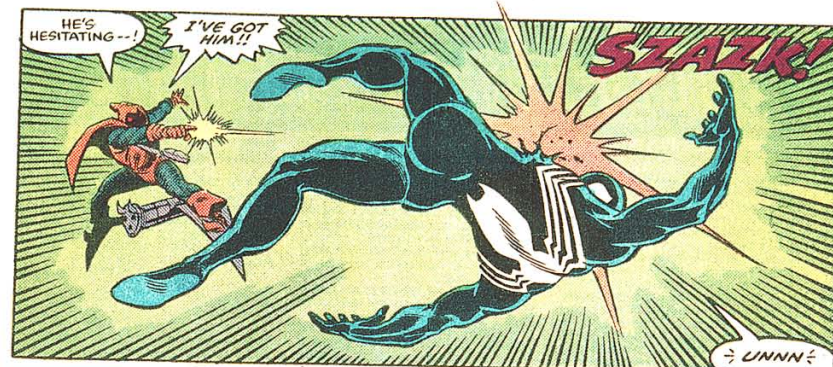
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the Hobgoblin. On page 15, Peter's Spider-Sense goes off. Why? Cause of Lance Bannon, or perhaps Hobby. Maybe? On the next page we see Ned and Betty having a fight. Could Ned's outrage be due to prolonged exposure to the Goblin formula, like what happened to Norman? The point I'm trying to make is that I think Hobby is either Lance Bannon or Ned Leeds. Well, until the Hobgoblin takes us basketball, make mine Marvel.

Heath Vinyard
6925 N Galtry Pl
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Well, Heath, by the end of this issue's climactic struggle, you won't have to guess any longer.

Dear Web-Shooters,

I am a newcomer to the comic-book world (about 4 months). With the exception of some old Spider-Man books, I had never collected two comic books in a row in my life. The first comic book I picked up three months ago was an AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I didn't know what I had been missing! I would like to thank Marvel and the makers of AMAZING—and WEB—for welcoming me into the Marvel Universe. Now my favorites are SECRET WARS II, AMAZING, and WEB. My first AMAZING was #266. What a way to start! It was great. I loved the SECRET WARS II tie-in. The Firelord series was good, too. Until Mr. Fantastic's arms fall off, make mine Marvel!

Jeff Ham
412 Hickory Tree Circle
Sofmer FL 33584

Welcome aboard, Jeff!

Dear Stan Lee,

Whatever happened to the spider that bit Peter Parker? You know, the one that turned him into the Amazing Spider-Man?

I know that it probably died, but did it have any offspring? It seems likely that it did. Are there any more Spider-Man out there?

Ray Herbert and Cliff Crawford
PO Box 3362
Bryan TX 77808

It's dead, Jim... er, Ray and Cliff. See this issue's special re-representation of the original Marvel masterpiece!

Dear AMAZING, SPECTACULAR, WEB OF SPIDER-MAN,

I have a few suggestions:

1) Could you, like, have more Spider-Man comic books? Even though every other hero can only fight one villain a month, I think Spider-Man should be able to fight 4 or 5 villains a month. It's only fair.

2) Why doesn't every hero have 2 or 3 suits? Why wear out one look? Besides, it would help the heroes because it would confuse the villains.

And:

3) Could you have more SECRET WARS crossovers? It's good to confuse people who don't get SECRET WARS and leave them hanging on some stories.

Brian Edgar
1420 Hodges
Independence MO 64052

Dear Web-Heads,

Here are my comments about issue 272. I loved the cover. The cover's drawing was better than the book's artwork. I liked the new character, Syde. He's got new appeal and good promise to be a great villain or even a hero. With his frictionless costume, he should be a great match for Spider-Man. All Syde needs is some experience. Give him some. Don't let him disappear. The story was good overall and the artwork was fair. I'm glad you put D.A. Tower in the story. I hadn't seen him for awhile. Tower got the tape even though Syde grabbed the money. I'm glad to hear that Spider-Man thinks he's going to

come first. Who believes that one? Not me. He should clear this fight between Aunt May and himself, though. I can't wait until next issue for the Spider/Puma team-up against the Beyonder. I'll be here. Also, get Hobgoblin back in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. I've narrowed his identity to three people: Ned Leeds, Flash Thompson, or Lance Bannon. But wouldn't this be a shock: the secret identity of the Hobgoblin is Aunt May Parker!

Carl Zeiler
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Oak Park, IL 60302

WHO TOLD YOU?

Dear Marvel Madmen,

I loved ASM #273! I also can't wait to read the continuations in PPTSSM #111 and then back to ASM #274 for the conclusion! I'm really intrigued to find out how this confrontation will end with the Beyonder. I'm a fairly recent collector of Spider's, but I have to admit that they are my favorite mags. I really enjoy the new black-and-white Spider duds, and I hope that they are around for much, much longer. By the way, I noticed that in ASM #271 page 16, panel 4, there was a poster in the far right corner of the panel. It read "Spider-Man, Old and New." I happen to have that poster, and I noticed that you included Aunt May's face under Spider's right leg! How could that be if the poster was in New York with Spider around? Oh, well, in closing, forever MAKE MINE MARVEL, Jill!

Michael Schaler
1100 State Street
New Orleans LA 70119

Dear Marvel People,

Way to go! You people are great, fantastic, and awesome. Why am I saying these nice things about you? Because you're the ones putting my favorite Web-Slinger and my favorite Puma and my favorite person from Beyond all together in one Amazing mag! Way to go!

Jonathan Romeo
1708 Capistrano Dr.
Knoxville, TN

Dear Jim, Tom, and Ron,

"To Challenge the Beyonder" is a neat title for the story. In issue #273 you really got me wanting more. Like Spider-Man should take the \$100,000, or at least cash in the notebook. Give me a break, for almost half a year I've been wanting to know what is going to happen to the notebook, and yet two books have dragged it on. I love the way you combine the WEB OF SPIDER-MAN and this title together, while you leave PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN up to date but let it get into its own complicated plots. Also lately I've noticed a lot of 'fight 'em and leave 'em enemies. Firelord, Manta, and Syde were quick fights where we found little to do with the villain. Firelord at least we have heard of before.

I also hear that the identity of Hobgoblin is soon to be revealed. Just because we find out who he or she is, that character does not need to be written off. That's just my thoughts, so keep Syde swinging. And how about some good, long, action-packed four-issue sagas against an interesting villain. And I don't count the Beyonder as a villain. So until next time...

Matthew Paul
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Dear Creative Staff,

ASM #273, as great a comic as it was, as stupendous and inspired the writing and art was therein, still failed to divert me from the true important continuing storyline: the identity of the Hobgoblin.

In this, and most recent issues, you have dropped various hints that the Hobgoblin is either Lance Bannon or Ned Leeds. You may have fooled some readers, but after months of back-issue reading, I have deduced that the Hobgoblin must be... Timothy Bymael...

Mary Jane's father? ... Richard Fisk? ... oh, heck, I don't know who he is.

Michael Pointer
Raleigh NC 27622

See next issue, Michael. You'll figure it out.

Greetings, Tai One and crew,

Let us examine the clues in the Hobgoblin case.

He is used to dealing in power, although not of a physical nature. He could be a politician. He has criminal connections of a minor and very secret nature. He could still be a politician. His sanity is slipping. This results from a family history of insanity, including a schizoid son with an evil alter-ego. He also has a reason to seek revenge against Spider. This leads us back to the son whom Spider brutalized while under the influence of the Spider-Lizard radiation. Everything points to only one man...

The Hobgoblin is Senator Robert Martin (PPTSSM #38 and 39). I would like to thank the academy if I receive the famous No-Prize.

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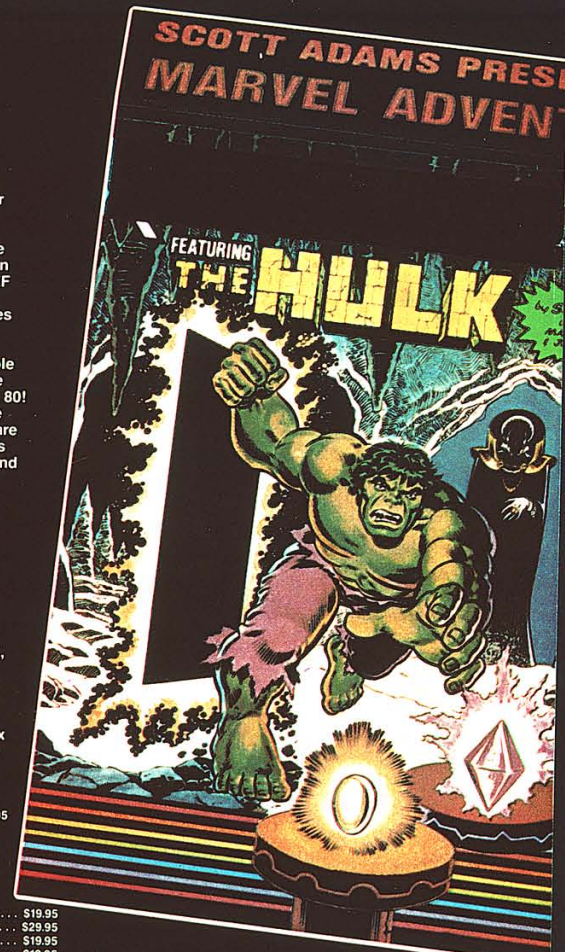
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